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METHOD FOR DATA TRANSMISSION VIA A PACKET-

ORIENTED COMMUNICATION NETWORK

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants requests that citation and examination of the references listed on Form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

Document AL, German DE 196 04 245 A1 relates to a TDM digital signal transmission method for an ATM device which detects whether frame cycle information channels contain useful information and only inserting those that do into an ATM cell.

Document AN, German DE 198 45 038 A1 relates to a data transmission method for communication terminals using a packet switched network using a data format provided by substructure elements between and exchange and communications terminals and inserting elements received from the terminals into data packets for transmission.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is distinguishable and non-obvious over the enclosed references, taken singly or in combination.

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Accordingly, early consideration and allowance of the application, including the claims, are hereby requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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